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TRAVESTY OF ROAD BUILDING.

In spite of the protestations of Engineer Cottrell that the McKinney Tanks section of the Midland Trail is in the preliminary stages and that the finishing touches will be applied after the roadbed settles down, there appears an official statement wherein he states that this section is 95 per cent complete. Accepting that for the true condition of the road the highway commission can no longer elude responsibility for one of the worst jobs put over the taxpayers in the name of road building. In the first place there is no road. In the second place there cannot be any road until the present cost of construction is duplicated and the whole work done over. In the third place The Bonanza demands an explanation for this backing and filling; why there is any necessity for subterfuge approximating misrepresentation, in order to convince the commission that public moneys have been expended without proper direction. Before the highway commission tackled this section the road was infinitely superior to the present make-shift which exists only on paper and is unfit for traffic, either light or heavy. The surface has been cut up so badly that it has become a series of serpentine along which no motored vehicle can travel. The surface consists of ups and downs, ruts and hog wallows, shifting and changing almost daily, while the transverse sections are sloughing off into the valley from which the material was dragged at enormous expense. As stated by The Bonanza last week, the entire structure is blowing away and at the present rate of attrition will vanish before spring suns and vernal breezes get in the finishing touches. The state engineer has not essayed to apologize for the woeful appearance of this contract since he assured The Bonanza on the occasion of his last inspection that the road was not intended to be used for some time to come. Eventually, he said, the top would be gravelled to a depth of fifteen or eighteen inches and this top dressing would be renewed as long as it was necessary to hold the sub-structure together. To the ordinary layman this implied that the shifting sands would be reinforced with gravel from time to time for an indefinite period until virtually there would be a roadbed capable of sustaining heavy traffic. If this interpretation of the highway commission's attitude is correct, it is fair to inquire why its engineers did not begin at the bottom and build up instead of starting at the top and building down.

The road is worthless today, notwithstanding the allegation that the section is 95 per cent complete. Then there is another feature to be considered—the final cost. Nye county has to pay its share in equalizing the costs of road construction throughout the state and the present method means that the state and Nye county must be saddled with a perpetual cost carried under the head of repairs. The major cost of this construction is in the future since surfacing is the most expensive part of the undertaking as gravel has to be hauled by motor trucks or teams long distances. If the cost of throwing up a dike of lava ash for the distance between McKinney's Tanks and Tonopah cost \$40,000 it will cost ten times that sum to make good the primary outlay.

Another apt illustration of methods and inefficiency is found in the same report which vouches for the fact that a cut-off of eight miles on the Goldfield road through the busiest district in Nevada is 40 per cent complete after six months' work. This is another one of the famous dirt roads of the Boyle administration that takes more time than would be required for the best concrete construction. For plow and scraper work, Nevada is making a record in eclipsing the snail in covering distance.

BREAKING RESOLUTIONS.

Attorney General Mitchell Palmer signed up on the glorious new year a brilliant set of resolutions in which he declared among other things that 1920 would be a red letter thrill in the history of the United States. In a statement published January 1, 1920, Mr. Palmer declared "that the policy of the department of justice in dealing with the red menace during the coming year would be one of 'unflinching, persistent and aggressive warfare' against bolshevism. If there was any room for doubt, the general added that "no quarter will be shown." So far, so good. The resolutions read nicely for campaign purposes. Words have been described as a means of concealing the thoughts but, as Shakespeare says, "Where words are scarce they are seldom spent in vain." In plain United States this would be construed to say that the man who talks too much seldom does anything. Mr. Palmer appears eligible for this class of speakers, for, according to Chicago advice, he has already developed a well authenticated case of cold feet in dealing with the bolshevik. Read what Mr. Palmer said on the first of January and then study the statement from State's Attorney Hoyle of Illinois on the very next day when Chicago proceeds to round up the Reds in that burg. Over 200 Reds were caught in the meshes of the law but Big Bill Haywood was not of the number, although his name was on the list. The raid would have been more successful had it not been for the unexplained withdrawal of the federal agents who were supposed to be co-operating with the Chicago police. The federal forces were called off by Attorney General Palmer after pledging assistance. The good resolutions of January first were forgotten and the Illinois officers were told to postpone the raids indefinitely.

From latest developments it would appear that Palmer was jealous of the Chicago civic authorities in starting something before he was ready to claim the honors for initiating the crusade. It may be that Chicago forestalled the department of justice or it may be that Chicago forced the hand of the administration.

The Birmingham News says: "When the time comes for the solid south to be broken up it will be when the south has forsaken Jeffersonian democracy." Well, the southern democrats have not merely forsaken Jeffersonian democracy—they have assassinated it.

President Wilson writes in the current issue of a magazine: "Men today are blessed with a new curiosity about their governments." And in this country they are damned by administration partisans for trying to penetrate the veil of secrecy and foreign

intrigue and press agency camouflage that has been surrounding the operations of certain agents of the government for many months.

STUDENTS GOING TO SEE FRANCE

(Correspondence of Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 16.—Next year is likely to see a great influx of American students to French universities, in the opinion of H. S. Kraus, secretary of the American University union in Europe. Mr. Kraus' new Paris headquarters, facing the Luxembourg gardens, are being fitted up to receive and advise seekers after knowledge from overseas.

Founded shortly after America's entrance in the war, by fifteen of the leading American universities and colleges, the union now has thirty-three American learned institutions on its membership list, including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Princeton and other leading universities and colleges throughout the United States.

French teachers and students are constant and eager inquirers at the Union's Paris home. Many of them are anxious to take a course of studies in the United States. Fourteen French students are already studying in American universities on free scholarships from a fund collected by 6,000 American students in recognition of the hospitality extended to them by French universities during the war.

The Society for American Fellowships in French universities is planning to send twenty Americans each year to the Sorbonne and other French seats of learning; nor will the Alsatian university of Strasbourg be neglected. Twenty-five scholarships for American girls in France are already filled.

FIRST WOMAN IN BERLIN UNIVERSITY

(Correspondence of Associated Press) BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The first woman professor at the University of Berlin is Fraulein Dr. Paula Hertwig, who will lecture on zoology. It is reported from Prague that the Czech actress, Frau Leopoldine Dostal, has been appointed to the chair of rhetoric in the university there.

CZECHS ORGANIZE A NATIONAL BANK

(Correspondence of Associated Press) PRAGUE, Dec. 14.—The Czech social democratic party has organized a bank here with a capital of 30,000,000 crowns. It will finance all the party co-operative stores and other institutions.

DE VALERA MAY EXPLAIN THIS

(Correspondence Associated Press) DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—Eamonn De Valera's speeches in America with regard to the part played by Irish soldiers in the war have been read in Ireland with some surprise, and it is pointed out here that in this matter M. De Valera's sentiments differ a good deal from those of his supporters. Captain M. Walter, a Dublin physician and member of the Dublin municipal council, who served throughout the war in the army medical corps, writes as follows in the Dublin Press:

"All the ex-service men, and there are over 40,000 of us, were pleased to find Mr. De Valera assuring his American audience that we fought for a principle and that Irishmen in the earlier days of the war rushed to the ranks in overwhelming numbers. But whilst Mr. De Valera rightly interprets our position to the Americans his followers and supporters in Dublin never cease to pour contempt on Irish soldiers and to heap every indignity possible upon them.

"Returned soldiers are treated as lepers rather than as heroes. Men who had not the manliness to fight either in the army or in the rebellion now find courage to persecute by every means in their power those army or ex-army men whom De Valera lauds, and even carry their vindictiveness against every man who helps them."

PERSONNEL OF FRENCH HOUSE

(Correspondence of Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 16.—Lawyers predominate again in the newly elected French chamber. Of its 626 members, 154 are professional barristers or solicitors. Farmers come next with fifty-two. The army and navy are represented by twenty-eight deputies, of whom two are generals, one a vice-admiral and two aviators. Fifteen members are classed as "working men" and only five are bankers.

The churches are represented by four Roman Catholic priests and by three Protestant pastors. Twelve members are of the Jewish faith.

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REVERT DIVIDE MINING COMPANY.

Tonopah, Nevada.

To the stockholders of the Revert Divide Mining company: Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Revert Divide Mining company will be held at the office of said company in Tonopah, Nevada, on the nineteenth day of January, 1920, at 10:30 a. m.

The object of the meeting is for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing registered in his or her name on the twentieth day preceding the date of said meeting.

Dated at Tonopah, Nevada, this 25th day of December, 1919.

P. F. REVERT, Secretary.

VERDI DIVIDE MINING COMPANY.

Tonopah, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Verdi Divide Mining company will be held at the office of said company in Tonopah, Nevada, on the nineteenth day of January, 1920, at 3:00 p. m.

The object of the meeting is for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing registered in his or her name on the twentieth day preceding the date of said meeting.

Dated at Tonopah, Nevada, this 25th day of December, 1919.

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Kentucky distillers are to ask the government to reimburse them for 55,000,000 gallons of liquor. We know a lot of private citizens who would be willing to do the reimbursing if permitted to do it.

The Plume municipal court voted 44 to 4 against continued occupation by D'Annunzio's forces. Gabe may be a good fighter, but he doesn't know much about conducting elections.

Congress has passed an appropriation of \$800,000 for the immediate deportation of Reds and it's worth that much apiece to the country.

Why doesn't Mr. Hoover or somebody start an overall bid to reduce the high price of clothing?

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